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Caustic Spill at Process Alliance

Partnership - Joliet

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr. 285906

On Sunday, March 29, a spill of between 150 and 200 gallons of a caustic liquid occurred at the above facility. The spill took place at approximately 8:00 p.m. while transferring the material from a truck to a storage tank. None of this material reached any waterway.

Although the vapor recovery equipment was in use during the offloading, a port on top of the storage vessel was not secured. The tank was overtopped and the caustic flowed down its sides to the ground. The material on the ground was removed using a chemical absorbant compound and then disposed of in a dumpster.

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